28.12.91. The Central issue prices of rice are uniform throughout the country. The Government of Kerala has represented against the increase in the prices and requested for their withdrawal. As the Central issue prices are uniform throughout the country, no exception can be made in the case of Kerala

(d) No, *Sir*.

Supply of Foodgrains to Kerala

1157. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) foodgrains, rice and wheat sought by the Government of Kerala for the Public Distribution System in the State from June to December 1991 month-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during this period; and

(c) foodgrains actually released during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The demand, allotment and off-take of rice and wheat in respect of Kerala for the months of June-December 1991 is as under:

(In '000 Tonnes)

	Rice			*Wheat*		
Month	*Demand*	*Allotment*	*Off-Take*	*Demand*	*Allotment*	*Off-Take*
June	160.0	142.5	140.7	30.0	30.0	28.0
July	160.0	142.5	145.6	30.0	30.0	29.8
August	160.0	162.5*	191.7	30.0	30.0	30.3
September	160.0	150.0	135.6	30.0	30.0	29.4
October	160.0	150.0	146.6	30.0	30.0	30.1
November	236.7	150.0	155.7	50.0	30.0	30.7
December	236.7	150.0	149.5	50.0	27.0	25.9

* Includes allocation of 20,000 tonnes for Onam Festival.

Hike in Prices of Wheat, Rice and Sugar

1158. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced a hike in the issue prices of wheat, rice, and sugar recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issue prices per KG in different states;

(c) whether all subsidies have been

withdrawn from Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, the total saving effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central issue price for Public Distribution System is uniform (ex-FCI godown) throughout the country. The CIP of wheat has been raised from Rs. 2.3 to Rs. 2.80 per kg. and that of rice from Rs. 2.89 to Rs. 3.77 per Kg. for common, from Rs. 3.49 to Rs. 4.37 per Kg. for fine and from Rs. 3.70 to Rs. 4.58 per Kg. for superfine varieties w.e.f. 28.12.1991.

The retail levy sugar price has been raised from Rs. 6.10 to Rs. 6.90 per Kg. w.e.f. 21.1.1992.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The actual savings in the Food Subsidy due to recent increase in Central issue prices of wheat, rice and retail levy sugar price would depend on actual offtake of stocks by State/Union Territories for P.D.S. etc.

Supply of Increased Quota of Rice, Wheat and Sugar to Karnataka

1159. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of rice, wheat and sugar under Public Distribution System of Karnataka every month;

(b) the quantity of rice, wheat and sugar supplied every month during January, 1991 to the end of December, 1991 month-wise;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has sought increase in the quota thereof; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have increased the quota of Rice, Wheat and Sugar to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). A statement giving the required information is attached.